IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel Claims 11-20 and add new Claims 21-30:

21. An aqueous system comprising:

(A) a component selected from the group consisting of hydrolysis-sensitive fungicidal active compounds, hydrolysis-sensitive fungicidal active compounds, hydrolysis-sensitive bactericidal active compounds, hydrolysis-sensitive insecticidal active compounds, and mixtures thereof, and

(B) one or more binders having a pH $\leq$ 7 that are selected from the group consisting of (i) alkyd resins based on vegetable oils and (ii) acrylate dispersions.

22. An aqueous system according to Claim 21, wherein the binder has a pH $\leq$ 5.

23. An aqueous system according to Claim 21, wherein the binder has a pH $\leq$ 3.

24. An aqueous system according to Claim 21, wherein the active compound has a functional group N-S-CCl_2X wherein X represents halogen, C_1-C_4 alkyl, or halogen-substituted C_1-C_4 alkyl.

25. An aqueous system according to Claim 21, wherein the active compound is folpet, captan, captafol, dichlofluanid, tolylfluanid, fluorfolpet, or a mixture thereof.

26. A method for stabilizing a component selected from the group consisting of hydrolysis-sensitive fungicidal active compounds, hydrolysis-sensitive fungicidal active compounds, hydrolysis-sensitive bactericidal active compounds, hydrolysis-sensitive insecticidal active compounds, and mixtures thereof, in an aqueous system comprising incorporating into the aqueous system one or more binders, having a pH $\leq$ 7, that are selected from the group consisting of (i) alkyd resins based on vegetable oils and (ii) acrylate dispersions, and thereby stabilizing the component.

27. A method according to Claim 26, wherein the binder has a pH $\leq$ 5.

28. A method for protecting an aqueous system against microbial infestation comprising incorporating into the aqueous system (A) a component selected from the group consisting of hydrolysis-sensitive fungicidal active compounds, hydrolysis-sensitive fungicidal active compounds, hydrolysis-sensitive bactericidal active compounds, hydrolysis-sensitive insecticidal active compounds, and mixtures thereof, and (B) one or more binders, having a pH $\leq$ 7, that are selected from the group consisting of (i) alkyd resins based on vegetable oils and (ii) acrylate dispersions, and thereby stabilizing the system.

29. A method according to Claim 28, wherein the binder has a pH $\leq$ 5.

30. A binder comprising:

(A) a component selected from the group consisting of (i) alkyd resins based on vegetable oils and (ii) acrylate dispersions and having a pH $\leq$ 7 and

(B) a component selected from the group consisting of hydrolysis-sensitive fungicidal active compounds, hydrolysis-sensitive fungicidal active compounds, hydrolysis-sensitive bactericidal active compounds, hydrolysis-sensitive insecticidal active compounds, and mixtures thereof.--